



## **Jean Haase**

As a volunteer for the past 20 years, Jean Haase, a retired English teacher, continues to demonstrate her tireless dedication to the literacy education of both children and adults. Centered on her love for teaching, reading and helping others experience the joy of learning, Jean has continued her commitment to education throughout her retirement.

Jean offers the community countless volunteer hours in a variety of critical roles, at area public schools, Milwaukee's Literacy Center, the Greenfield Public Library, summer camps for children with special needs, and driving older adults to Washington Park for monthly OWL (Older Women's League) meetings. Jean actually organized this local OWL branch and continues to lend herself to its mission. Her volunteer efforts reflect her passion for education, advocacy and action. For the last 10 years, Jean has set aside each Tuesday morning to tutor adults who are working on passing their GED. When working with her students, Jean provides more than instruction in reading, writing and math; she provides them with the gift of self-esteem. Jean teaches with kindness, a sense of humor and limitless patience.

Jean's generous contribution of volunteer time and aptitude for teaching both young children and adults to learn can define Jean as a treasure who makes our community a better place; she provides all of us with an example of how to live life – by voluntarily engaging with the community where there is a need.

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